

'The Tell-Tale Heart'

by: Edgar Allen Poe

Numbers in red indicate the minimum amount of sentences necessary to answer the question.

Pre-reading:

With a partner, brainstorm at least 5 things you look for or expect to find in a scary story. Type your answers below.

- 1.**
- 2.**
- 3.**
- 4.**
- 5.**

Why do you think people liked to be scared by stories or movies? (2)





After the first read:

Go back and find 3 of the words that you underlined. Define them below, identify the part of speech, and write the sentence from the story that the word was a part of.

example:

acute - (adjective) - sharp or penetrating in intellect or perception

"Above all was the sense of hearing acute."

- 1.**
- 2.**
- 3.**

What was the mood of the story? Use examples from the text to support your answer. (3)

In a paragraph, explain the plot as best you can after the first time through it. (5)



After the second read:

Theme connection:

**How does the narrator cope with the death of the old man?
Explain using details from the text. (3)**

Interpret:

Why does the narrator confess his crime? (2)

**How does the narrator react when the police first arrived? Why
does he behave this way? (2)**



After watching the video adaptation:

Did you like this version? Why or why not? (2)

**Would you like to read more from the “master of suspense”?
Why or why not? (2)**